

**Minutes for
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
General Meeting, September 13, 2015,**

The General Meeting was held at the Shueyville United Methodist Church. Mary Stull conducted the meeting. There were 25 in attendance. Marian Wetjen's mother came as a guest. New members, Jerry & Carol Burke and Darlene Peterson were introduced. The meeting started with drinks and a selection of desserts which were shared in friendship.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 30-May 2, 2015 General meeting were approved on a motion by George and a second by Mary S.

Treasurer's Report:

- a. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Tom and a 2nd by John.
- b. We have a Cash Balance of \$13,397.46. The Exchange fund has a balance of \$1,259.90.

Exchanges:

- Mexico cancelled.
- Wessex, England, June 7-14, 2016
- 2016, India, with Madison, WI. No dates yet.
- 2016, Lansing, loved CR ambassadors. Have invited us back.
- Incoming Global Theme Exchange, Crazy for Quilting, Sept 30-Oct 9, 2016. Home hosts needed 9/30-10/5.
- 2016, Mystery Exchange.
- 2017, Columbia, Washington has been invited to come here.

When setting up exchanges, we have to keep in mind that availability varies by country. Australia, Brazil and Canada have high availability. The US has the highest because of the number of clubs here.

Leo: October 7 at Emil's Hideaway.

Nominating Committee: Dale/Cheryl Moore; Connie Williams and Mary Stull are working on a slate of officer's for next year. If interested, please contact one of them.

Next General Meeting: Celebrate another successful year on November 15th at 5pm at Touch of Class, Mt. Vernon Road, Cedar Rapids.

Mary Stull introduced Joe O'Leary of "Kids Against Hunger". He explained the program

to create food packets and distribute them to families in the United States and throughout the world. Then club members created two assembly lines to fill bags with a mixture of protein, rice and dried vegetables that will feed six people. The recipients add water and cook the food for 45 minutes to get a nutritious meal. Our club allocated \$500 to purchase the materials and \$250 was donated by another family so we were able to pack \$750 worth of food. and then everyone set to work filling and sealing plastic pouches. Judging by the laughter, a fun time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Wilkinson, Secretary